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The Honorable James C. Miller III
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Miller:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Director of Central Intelligence on enrolled bill H.R. 4151, the "Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986."

As you know, the Agency participated extensively in the preparation of the Administration's initial legislative package on diplomatic security. Since the transmission of that package to the Congress, we have followed this legislation closely.

As you may recall, early Congressional versions of the legislation raised concerns that national security considerations would be ignored in the establishment of overseas staffing levels and in other areas. Additionally, we had concerns about several of the anti-terrorism provisions as added to those early versions.

Fortunately, when we raised our concerns with the Congress and within the Administration, we received a sympathetic response, especially from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. As a result, Title I of the enrolled bill reflects modifications made to take these national concerns into account. Additionally, other titles of the bill contain modifications made to address Agency concerns (principally those in the anti-terrorism area).

I am therefore pleased to recommend Presidential approval of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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for William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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